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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT

FOR EAGLEBURGER AND VEST, PASS TO SCOWCROFT FROM MCCLOSKEY

1. FOLLOWING ONE HOUR PLUS MEETING SECRETARY HAD WITH KING HASSAN MCCLOSKEY TOLD PRESS CORPS THAT CONVERSATION WAS DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND WAS WIDE-RANGING AND FRIENDLY. NO FURTHER BACKGROUND PROVIDED.

2. EARLIER ON PLANE BEFORE ARRIVING RABAT ACCOMPANYING NEWS EN WERE TOLD ON BACKGROUND THAT SECRETARY DID NOT EXPECT ANYTHING "DRAMATIC" TO OCCUR DURING CURRENT TRIP THROUGH MIDDLE EAST. PRINCIPAL THRUST OF HIS EFFORT WOULD BE SEEKING TO ESTABLISH PROCESS FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND THIS WOULD REQUIRE INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES. ACKNOWLEDGED THERE IS A LINK BETWEEN SITUATION ON GROUND AND PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATION OF OVERALL ISSUES IN DISPUTE.

LASTLY, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION WHETHER HE WOULD BE CONVEYING MESSAGES TO HEADS OF STATE HE WILL BE MEETING, ANSWERED YES. BT

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